

## **ABINGDON-BELAIR-EMMORTON (ABE) COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: July 2, 2015

LOCATION: Abingdon Branch HCPL

START TIME: 6:30PM

END TIME: 7:55PM

MINUTES RECORDED BY: Delia Henry

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **GUESTS/COMMUNITY**

Andrew Tress, Citizens Affairs Specialist, HCG

Janet Hardy

Mike Perrone: Representative for District A

Susan Fisher, Community Services – Mediation Program

Curtis Beulah: Representative for District F

Cynthia Lince, Legislative Aide to Council President Slutzky

Capt. John Kras H.C.S.D

#### **ADVISORY BOARD**

Cynthia Hergenbahn, Chair (present)

Dr. Micah Humbert (present)

Sarasimone Borchers (present)

Delia Henry (present)

Lonnie Vick (present)

Dr. Jacques Conaway (present)

Michael Carr (present)

**SPEAKER PRESENTATION:**

Harford County Office of Mediation

*Grant funded and offers free mediation services.*

*Wants citizens to use the program as a 1<sup>st</sup> resort.*

*Inclusive style of mediating (meaning neutral)*

*Process is voluntary and confidential.*

*As of October law passed to suppress information in court of law*

*No one is forced to mediate and after mediation the parties can still sue or follow suit.*

*Process can be stopped at anytime*

*They will accommodate all parties no matter the time or location in Harford County.*

*They try to have mediators who cover all demographics*

*Police officers can make referrals*

*The mediation process is 5 steps*

*Program cant fundraise but they can have sponsorship*

**SHERIFF'S REPRESENTATIVE** (Update Sector 30/40)

Presenter: Lt. John Kras, Southern precinct

Issues throughout the area include most of what we discussed at last month's meeting including:

Big problem is motor vehicle tampering. Deception burglaries continue with targeting the elderly. Discussion around solicitors and it is recommended to ask for a solicitor's license.

Heightened alert on rain rescues, with the increase raining and flooding advisories. Turn around, don't drown!

The Technical rescue team is separate from the fire department

**COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATES**

Mike Perrone: Representative for District A

Donna Blazedale is his aide.

Mr. Perrone shared his newsletter.

Mediation website Jams

He also has a newsletter that goes out once a month. We will link this to our FB page.

Note: Joe Woods. Singer Road/Emmorton area Rep: Not present.

Note: Curtis Beulah. Present

Councilman Slutsky. Cynthia Lince was present and made a brief announcement regarding council meeting dates and provided a handout that highlighted highlights from June Harford County Council Meetings, and the Schedule of Legislative Sessions.

## **ADDITIONAL UPDATES**

Andrew Tress, Citizens Affairs Specialist, HCG

MES Maryland Environmental Services taking over division of Environmental service

Used to be under DPW - 14 year Contract

MES will be hiring

Website being redone based on Iredel County – North Carolina Government is the new model.

Road construction: Box Hill Corporate Center Drive between Box Hill South Parkway and Woodsdale Road will be closed to all through traffic on or about July 13, 2015 for roundabout construction at Woodsdale Road for approximately 6 weeks. Please make other arrangements if you travel on this roadway. Access to all business on Boxhill Corporate Center Drive will be from Box Hill South Parkway. If you have any questions please call 410-638-3217 extension 2442 Thomas A. Pistel Chief, Bureau of Construction Inspections.

The website is being updated to provide community input dates for road construction.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to accept Minutes

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Facebook and Twitter – follow each council person

Bios still needed from some board members.

Closed August Meeting

Walmart: County has required that they make traffic improvements. Walmart disagrees on further enhancements on their part so the project is at a standstill.

Best use of landfill was skateboard park.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Bio from board members recommended to share amongst themselves and then possibly post on website. Forward a few words to Cynthia Hergenbahn.

Suggestions for future meeting presentations. Animal Control added to list

## **UPCOMING 2015 MEETINGS**

Location: Abingdon Branch of the HCPL

All meetings start at 6:30PM

August 6

September 3

October 1

November 5

December 3